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THE STATE BAR COURT
 HEARING DEPARTMENT - LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of) Case No. 07-O-11692
 MARY ELIZABETH BULLOCK,)
 No. 153212,) NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES
 A Member of the State Bar.)

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NOTICE - FAILURE TO RESPOND!

IF YOU FAIL TO FILE AN ANSWER TO THIS NOTICE WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED BY STATE BAR RULES, INCLUDING EXTENSIONS, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE STATE BAR COURT TRIAL, (1) YOUR DEFAULT SHALL BE ENTERED, (2) YOU SHALL BE ENROLLED AS AN INACTIVE MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR AND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PRACTICE LAW UNLESS THE DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE ON MOTION TIMELY MADE UNDER THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR, (3) YOU SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE FURTHER IN THESE PROCEEDINGS UNLESS YOUR DEFAULT IS SET ASIDE, AND (4) YOU SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL DISCIPLINE.

STATE BAR RULES REQUIRE YOU TO FILE YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE WITHIN TWENTY DAYS AFTER SERVICE.

IF YOUR DEFAULT IS ENTERED AND THE DISCIPLINE IMPOSED BY THE SUPREME COURT IN THIS PROCEEDING INCLUDES A PERIOD OF ACTUAL SUSPENSION, YOU WILL REMAIN SUSPENDED FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR AT LEAST THE PERIOD OF TIME SPECIFIED BY THE SUPREME COURT. IN ADDITION, THE ACTUAL SUSPENSION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL YOU HAVE REQUESTED, AND THE STATE

1 substitute in as Castillo's attorney of record in the discrimination complaint. In or about June
2 2005, Castillo employed Respondent to represent her in the discrimination complaint.

3 7. At the time that Castillo employed Respondent as her attorney, Respondent was still
4 employed as an Administrative Law Judge with the EEOC. Respondent did not submit her
5 request for retirement as an Administrative Law Judge with the EEOC until in or about
6 November 2005. Respondent's retirement did not become effective until in or about February
7 2007.

8 8. On or about July 11, 2005, Respondent left a voice mail with opposing counsel, Beth
9 Levine, indicating that Respondent was representing Castillo in the discrimination complaint.

10 9. On or about July 14, 2005, Respondent appeared in court telephonically as Castillo's
11 attorney at a case management conference in the discrimination complaint.

12 10. On or about July 16, 2005, Castillo paid and Respondent accepted \$5,000 as
13 advanced legal fees for her representation in the discrimination complaint.

14 11. From in or about June 2005 until in or about August 2005, Respondent rendered
15 legal advice and analysis to Castillo regarding equal employment opportunity law and its
16 application to the discrimination complaint.

17 12. By accepting outside employment while employed as an Administrative Law Judge
18 with the EEOC, rendering legal advice and analysis to Castillo regarding equal opportunity
19 employment law and its application, accepting compensation from Castillo to act as her counsel,
20 and by actually acting as Castillo's counsel, and by accepting compensation for prosecuting a
21 complaint against the United States, Respondent acted in wilful violation of 5 C.F.R. § 7201.102,
22 18 U.S.C. § 203, and 18 U.S.C. § 205, and thereby failed to support the laws of the United
23 States.

24 COUNT TWO

25 Case No. 07-O-11692
26 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-200(A)
[Illegal Fee]

27 13. Respondent wilfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 4-200(A), by
28 entering into an agreement for, charging, or collecting an illegal fee, as follows:

1 14. The allegations of paragraphs 3 through 11 are incorporated by reference.

2 15. At all times relevant to the events alleged herein, Respondent was prohibited from
3 accepting compensation from employment outside her official duties with the EEOC pursuant to
4 5 C.F.R. § 7201.102, and from accepting compensation for prosecuting a complaint against the
5 United States pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 203 and 18 U.S.C. § 205.

6 16. By accepting a legal fee which she was prohibited by law from accepting,
7 Respondent entered into an agreement for, charged, or collected an illegal fee in wilful violation
8 of rule 4-200(A), Rules of Professional Conduct.

9 COUNT THREE

10 Case No. 07-O-11692
11 Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-300
[Business Transaction With a Client]

12 17. Respondent wilfully violated Rules of Professional Conduct, rule 3-300, by entering
13 into a business transaction with a client without complying with the requirements that the
14 transaction and its terms be fair and reasonable to the client; the transaction and its terms be fully
15 disclosed and transmitted in writing to the client in a manner which should reasonably have been
16 understood by the client; the client be advised in writing that the client may seek the advice of an
17 independent lawyer of the client's choice; the client be given a reasonable opportunity to seek
18 that advice; and the client thereafter consent in writing to the terms of the transaction or
19 acquisition, as follows:

20 18. The allegations of paragraphs 3 through 11, and 15 are incorporated by reference.

21 19. In or about July 2005, Respondent asked Castillo to loan her \$2,000.

22 20. Thereafter, pursuant to Respondent's request, Castillo agreed to loan \$2,000 to
23 Respondent.

24 21. Pursuant to Respondent's request for the loan, on or about July 16, 2005, Castillo
25 gave Respondent a check made payable to Respondent in the amount of \$2,000.

26 22. The terms of the loan did not provide for a maturity date or payment of interest. The
27 terms of the loan were unfair and unreasonable because there was no maturity date and did not
28 provide for the payment of interest.

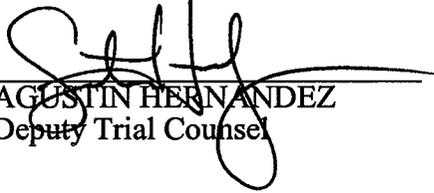
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THIS MATTER PURSUANT TO BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE SECTION 6086.10. SEE RULE 280, RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TRIAL COUNSEL

Dated: August 6, 2008

By: 
AGUSTIN HERNANDEZ
Deputy Trial Counsel

1 **DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY CERTIFIED MAIL**

2 **CASE NUMBER(s): 07-O-11692**

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4 I, the undersigned, over the age of eighteen (18) years, whose business address and
5 place of employment is the State Bar of California, 1149 South Hill Street, Los Angeles,
6 California 90015, declare that I am not a party to the within action; that I am readily familiar
7 with the State Bar of California's practice for collection and processing of correspondence for
8 mailing with the United States Postal Service; that in the ordinary course of the State Bar of
9 California's practice, correspondence collected and processed by the State Bar of California
10 would be deposited with the United States Postal Service that same day; that I am aware that
11 on motion of party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date or postage
12 meter date on the envelope or package is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing
13 contained in the affidavit; and that in accordance with the practice of the State Bar of
14 California for collection and processing of mail, I deposited or placed for collection and
15 mailing in the City and County of Los Angeles, on the date shown below, a true copy of the
16 within

17 **NOTICE OF DISCIPLINARY CHARGES**

18 in a sealed envelope placed for collection and mailing as certified mail, return receipt
19 requested, Article No.: **7160 3901 9844 3982 4394**, at
20 Los Angeles, on the date shown below, addressed to:

21 By United States Certified Mail	Courtesy Copy By United States Mail
22 MARY E. BULLOCK 23 401 B STREET, 5 FLOOR 24 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92101	MARY E. BULLOCK 3955 FAIRCROSS PLACE, #78 SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92115

25 in an inter-office mail facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed to:
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27 N/A

28 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is
true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on the date shown below.

DATED: August 6, 2008

SIGNED: 
BERNARD PIMENTEL
Declarant